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SIR,

AMong the many *Lewd* and *Poiſonous Pamphlets* of Late ſpread Abroad to *Debauch* the *Nation*, there is one more particularly deſerves your Animadverſion, and of your *Honourable Houſe*; at this Time eſpecially, when your Yearly Celebration of the Memory of the *Royal Martyr* King *Charles* I. is near at Hand.

To Confront you in which, there is Publiſh'd this ſame Year, 1702. *An Abridgment of Mr.* Baxter's *Hiſtory of his Life and Times*, by *Edmund Calamy*; with the Printer's, and no leſs than *three* Bookſellers *Names* Affix'd to it. Wherein that *Bleſſed Martyr* is Repreſented as the moſt *Unnatural* and *Bloody Monſter*, and moſt Harden'd *Hypocrite* that ever the Earth bore.

For all this he muſt be, and worſe, if we could find Names for it, if he was the *Author* of, and gave *Commiſſions* for the Barbarous *Maſſacre* of the *Proteſtants* in *Ireland*, *An.* 1641. And yet ſhou'd ſtand it out, and deny it, not only in his Publick *Declarations* to the World, but in his *Soliloquies* betwixt *God* and his own *Conſcience*, in his Εικὼν Βασιλικὴ, and even to his Laſt *Breath*.

Yet all this is Charg'd upon him, firſt, by *Richard Baxter*, that *Arch-Rebel*, who had himſelf born *Arms* againſt him: And now by this *Calamy*, in his *Abridgment* of *Baxter's Life*. Ch. 4. p. 44. Where *Blaſphemouſly* he Charges the *Diſcovery* of this upon *Providence*! For ſpeaking of thoſe who thought this *an horridly Unjuſt and Scandalous Aſperſion upon His Majeſty*, he adds, *But as Providence ordered it, a certain Memorable Particularity help'd to ſet this Matter in a true Light.* Then he goes on to tell what this *Particularity* was, for which I Refer you to the Place, being loath to Tranſcribe it here; but it Ends, and is Summ'd up all in this, *That the Marqueſs of* Antrim *was forc'd to Produce in the Houſe of Commons a Letter of King* Charles I. *By which he gave him Order for the taking up Arms.* And for this, we have nothing but *Baxter's* Word. No *Journal* of the *Houſe of Commons*, or any other *Authority* whatſoever. And had it been in ſo *Publick* a Manner *Expos'd*, ſure ſome other beſides *Baxter* would have taken notice of it. Something of it would have been Inſerted in the *Journals* of that *Houſe*, if not the *Letter* it ſelf.

But ſuppoſe all this was granted, what wou'd it amount to? We muſt ſee the *Date* of this *Letter*, what *Time* it was when the *King* gave *Orders* to my Lord of *Antrim* to take up *Arms*: And to what End it was, whether to *Maſſacre* the *Proteſtants*, or to aſſiſt His *Majeſty* againſt his *Bloody Rebels*

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Rebels then in *Arms* againſt him in *England* and *Scotland*. We know this *Marqueſs* ſent *Forces* to the Glorious *Montroſs* in *Scotland*, where they did Eminent Service in Reducing the *Unnetural Rebels* there. And we doubt not but he had the *King's* Order for it. And moreover, after the *Ceſſation* made by the *Duke* of *Ormond* with the *Iriſh*, many of them return'd to their Duty, and fought under the ſaid *Duke*, His *Majeſty's* Lord *Lieutenant* there, againſt the *Rebels*. And why might not my Lord of *Antrim* have a *Commiſſion* as well as others? So that till we ſee the *Date* of theſe Pretended *Orders* to the *Marqueſs* of *Antrim*, and the *Contents* of them, no Judgment can be made. They muſt be ſent before the *Maſſacre* of 1641, to Anſwer to the Diabolical *Malice* of theſe *Tongues* ſet in Fire of *Hell*: Therefore let them produce their Evidence.

Will it not become the Juſtice of your *Houſe* to *Require* it? To Vindicate not only the *Memory* of him whom you Celebrate as a *Martyr*, but the Honour of a former *Houſe of Commons* of *England*, who are brought in here as *Witneſſes* to ſo *horrid* a *Scandal* thrown upon the beſt of *Kings*, and *Grandfather* to Her *Majeſty*, who is *Reproach'd* in him, who is her greateſt *Glory*, and of the *Nation*; but the Eternal *Infamy* and *Millſtone* of that *Hypocritical* and *Bloody Faction*, and will one Day *Sink* them, who after having ſo many Years abus'd the unparallel'd *Goodneſs* and *Condeſcentions* of ſo *Pious* and *Meek* a *King* towards ſuch *Incorrigible Rebels*, (which was his greateſt Fault) at laſt, not content to *Murther* him, ſat formally in *Judgment* upon him by their own *Authority*, that they might *Murther* the *Laws* with him, and all that *Reverence* which the whole *World* has ever paid to *Crown'd Heads*, or *Eſtabliſh'd Conſtitutions*; by ſuch an *Example* of a *Mock-Court of Juſtice* as never before was ſeen ſince the Earth was made! And which exceeds all this, They ſtill *Glory* in it, *Repeat* it every Year in their *Calves-Head-Feaſts*, where they *Sacrifice* to the *Legion* that *poſſeſſes* them. And not ſatisfied with the *Royal Blood* they have *Drank*, ſtill *Thirſt* for more. In order to which, and to Juſtifie what they have done, they are never weary in *Raking* into the *Aſhes* of this *Martyr* for our *Church* and our *Laws*; they *Curſe* his *Memory*, and

Blacken it with all the *Lies* the *Malice* of *Hell* can *Invent*. Of which, this is the Greateſt, to faſten the Horrid *Maſſacre* in *Ireland* upon him, againſt whom it was chiefly Deſign'd, and who, of all Mankind, was moſt concern'd for it: And was hinder'd from *Preventing* or *Revenging* it, by thoſe who Accuſe him for it; and Seiz'd the *Money* and *Magazines* he had Provided for that *Expedition*, and made uſe of them to carry on their own *Rebellion* againſt him in *England*. And their *Bell-Weathers* firſt *Invent*, and then *Belch* out their *Curſed Lies* among the *People*.

This Particular, as to the *Iriſh Maſſacre*, was firſt Broach'd by that *Black* Saint *Baxter*, in his *Life*, Publiſh'd ſince the *Revolution* (a proper time!) and Proſecuted by *Roger*, *Cook*, *Oats*, and the whole, *&c.* of the *Faction*. But is ſince more Impudently *Reviv'd* in this Reign, by *Calamy*; becauſe that *Life* of *Baxter*, wrote by himſelf (whereby his *Sins* are kept in *Remembrance*) has been Anſwer'd; and as to this Point particularly of laying the *Maſſacre* in *Ireland* upon the *King*, and as to this Story of the *Marqueſs* of *Antrim*, by the Reverend Mr. *Long* of *Exeter*, in his *Review of Mr.* Baxter's *Life*, Printed *An.* 1697. To which no *Anſwer* has been given by the *Faction*; for they cannot. Yet Repeat the ſame *Slanders* over again, as this *Calamy* now *five* Years after, without taking the leaſt notice that they have been all *diſprov'd* already. For it is one *Maxim* of theſe *Saints* to *Lie ſtill on*, — No matter for being *Diſprov'd!* Some will believe them. Leave thoſe that will not. And *Repeat* it again in the next Company. Print it over and over. It will come into more Hands than the *Defences*! Their Authority is ſufficient with their own *Party*; and their grave *Impudence* with others, who cannot think *Mankind* capable of ſo much *Devil!*

Mr. *Long* has Vouched *Letters* wrote by the *King* himſelf, and others by his *Order*, to the then *Lords Juſtices* of *Ireland*, ſome time before that Inhumane *Maſſacre* there, giving them notice of ſeveral Informations he had Receiv'd of ſome Evil Deſigns of the *Iriſh* ſoon to be Perpetrated, and therefore Commands them to be Watchful over them. And brings the Teſtimony of the *Lord Primate Uſher*, undeniably

deniable *Atteſted* for this. And though the *Diſſenters* ſhew greater Regard to this moſt Learned *Biſhop*, than to any other of ours, yet cannot this ſtop their foul *Mouths*. They Anſwer it not. But, as I ſaid, *Lye ſtill on.*

Mr. *Long* next ſhews, That the *Rebels* in *Ireland* did counterfeit *Commiſſions* from the *King*; but that the *Forgery* was found out; and that they Confeſs'd it at their *Deaths*, as Sir *Phelom O Neal*, who had his *Life* promis'd him at the *Gallows*, if he would but ſay, that he had ſuch a *Commiſſion* from the *King*. Of which I know ſome Witneſs ſtill Living, and of unqueſtionable *Credit*. And therefore he Argues moſt Rationally, That if they had a Real *Commiſſion* from the *King*, what need had they to *Counterfeit* ſuch an one? And why would they not ſave their *Lives* and *Eſtates* by owning of it, when tempted by thoſe who ſtrove to *Blacken* the *King* all that they could, to *Juſtifie* themſelves?

He tells, *p.* 205. That the *Marqueſs* of *Antrim* was not Named in the *Hiſtories* of thoſe times, *either as Commander, Counſellor, or Confederate, till the Ceſſation was Treated of*, July 19. 1643. And gives his Authority. If ſo, he cou'd not be concern'd in the *Maſſacre* of 1641. At leaſt, not ſo as to be taken Notice of. But ſo great and Powerful a Man as he was in that Kingdom, cou'd not have been forgotten, where Men of much leſs Name were Remember'd, as *Actors* in that *Bloody Tragedy*. The chief of whom, the Lord *Muskerry*, the Lord *Macguire*, and Sir *Phelom O Neal* did Teſtifie at their *Deaths*, That they had no *Commiſſion* from the *King*, nor knew of any to Countenance their *Inſurrection*. So that if the *Marqueſs* of *Antrim* had any, he kept it to himſelf, and very Private. For there was not a word of it, till after the *King* was *Murthered*.

There is not any mention made of His *Majeſty*'s having the leaſt hand in that *Maſſacre*, in the horrid *Indictment* Exhibited againſt him at his *Tryal*. If thoſe *Blood-Hounds* cou'd have found the ſmalleſt *Semblance* to have Charg'd him with this, it would have been more to their Curſed Purpoſe, than all they Rak'd together to lay upon him. But they have ſince Exceeded *Themſelves* in *Wickedneſs*, being given

given up to a *Reprobate Senſe*! Such *Harden'd Villains* never before bore the Name of *Chriſtians!*

Sir, You muſt Excuſe me, I follow Dr. *Tillotſon*'s Advice, who truly ſays in his *Sermons* of *Education*, That to Reprove ſome ſort of Sins *Mildly*, is to *Encourage* them; and that the *Cenſure* ought to bear Proportion to the *Crime*. This is as near as I can remember his Words, the Book not being now with me. But I am ſure I miſtake not his Meaning. However it is a great *Truth*. And a Man may ſpare his *Indignation* in ſome Caſes, *Faultily*. He that is not *moved* at the *Treatment* theſe Men have given to that *Bleſſed King* (and ſtill *continue* to do) to this *Church* and *Nation*, theſe *Sixty Years* paſt, can have no *Natural Affection*, nor would have any *Concern*, if he ſaw his *Country* ſink, and all the *Churches* in the World in a *Flame*! And ſuch an one is not ~~fit to~~ live upon the Face of the Earth. He is no *Citizen* of the *World*, who has no Regard to its *Welfare*; and he can be no *Chriſtian*, who lays not to Heart the *Breaches* of *Sion!*

If theſe *Sinners* ſhew'd any *Signs* of *Remorſe*, or *Repentance*, Reaſon were that we ſhould bear with them; and though their *Sins* be as *Scarlet*, and not ſo much as Nam'd among the *Heathen*, yet *Charity* wou'd Plead for their *Forgiveneſs*.

But when they ſtill *Perſiſt*, and *Repeat* their *Wickedneſs*, and ſtand it out againſt all *Conviction*, then the *Apoſtle* Directs, That ſuch *Evil Beaſts*, who are *always Lyars*, ſhould be *Rebuk'd ſharply*. There is no other way to *Reclaim* them, or ſave others from their *Infection*.

Calamy begins his *Preface* with the *Ill Treatment* that Mr. *Baxter*'s *Narrative of his Life* has met with, yet *Anſwers* not a word to Mr. *Long*'s *Review* of it. Particularly as to this *Diabolical Calumny* caſt upon the *King* in Relation to the *Maſſacre* in *Ireland*. No. But, *Lye ſtill on!* He *Repeats* it again! That it might not Dye. At this time eſpecially, when the *Faction* begin to be upon their *Mettle*, and may have Uſe for their *Old Artillery* again!

Therefore Sir, look to it in Juſtice to the *Memory* of the *Martyr*; for the *Safety* and *Honour* of the *Queen*; for the

the *Preſervation* of the *Peace* of the *Nation*; and for the *Vindication* of the *Houſe of Commons* hereby *Aſpers'd*, to have ſuch a *Letter* from that *King* laid before them, as gave *Orders* for the *Maſſacre* in *Ireland*, and that they took no Notice of it, though they were put to *Silence* by it, as *Baxter* ſays, (in his *Life*, *Par.* 3. *p.* 83. Quoted in the *Review*, *p* 192, 193.) And lays it upon what he calls their *Egregious Loyalty*, that they would notwithſtanding, ſupport the *Monarchy* in his *Son* K. *Char.* II. (as they who now *Re-publiſh* the ſame, mean it as *Egregiouſly* to the reſt of his *Poſterity*, for the Reaſon is the ſame) but *hark* to *Baxter*! *which* (Letter of K. *Char.* I. ſays he) *being Read in the* Houſe (of Commons of *England*) *put them into a Silence: But yet ſo Egregious was their Loyalty and Veneration of* Majeſty, *that it put them not at all one Step out of the way which they had gone in. But the People without Doors talked ſtrangely: Some ſaid, Did you not perſwade us that the King was againſt the* Iriſh *Rebellion? And that the Rebels belied him, when they ſaid, they had his Warrant or Commiſſion? Do we not now ſee with what mind he would have gone himſelf into* Ireland *to Fight againſt them?*--- *Whereupon the Parliament's Old Adherents grew more Confident than Ever of the Righteouſneſs of their Wars: And the very Deſtroyers of the King, whom the firſt Parliamentarians called Rebels, did preſume alſo to Juſtifie their Cauſe, and ſaid, That the Law of Nature did Warrant them.*

Here is a *Vindication* (in the third Perſon) not only of the *Rebellion* of this *Faction* in 1641, but of the *Murther* of the *King* in 1648. [From which ſome of the firſt *Saints* of the *Presbyterians*, (after they were *outwitted*, and *worm'd out* by their Younger Brethren the *Independents*) did endeavour, in *Spite*, to free themſelves, becauſe not done by themſelves.] And all upon Account of this *Letter* of King *Charles* I. to my Lord of *Antrim*. Therefore, Sir, I hope it will appear Incumbent upon your *Honourable Houſe* to Examine into this *material* Point; before the *Nation* be too far *Infected*; and more be found to *Feaſt* at the *Calves-Head-Clubbs*, on the 30th of *January*, than to *Faſt* with you. It would ſet your Teeth on Edge to hear how this *Story* of the *Marqueſs* of *Antrim*, ſince this laſt *Reviving*

of

of it, is carried about the *Party*, and *Lapp'd* like *Sweet-Milk*! And many who have not Enquir'd into it, know not what to ſay to it, and are *Deluded* by it. I aſſure you it does great *Miſchief*, and tends to *Alienate* the *Affections* of the *People* from Her Preſent *Majeſty*, the whole *Race* of that *Royal Martyr*, and *Monarchy* in General; which are the Uſes the *Faction* do make of it.

Now Sir, *Paper-Defences* come but to a *Few Hands*, and are well conſidered by *Fewer*. Beſides that this *Induſtrious Party* do *Print* upon a *Publick Stock*; and have *methods* of *Diſperſing* their *Books*, which others have not: For beſides what they can allow to give away, and are *Directed* to whom; they leave *Books* at *Private Houſes*, with ſufficient time to *Peruſe* them; Aud then to return either the *Book* or the *Money*.

Therefore I know no way to ſtop the ſpreading of this moſt *malicious* and *falſe Story*, but your *Honourable* Houſe taking it into Conſideration, and *Examining* the *Bottom* of it. Then let the *Faction* produce their *Evidence* before you; and let the Nation have their *Deciſion* from thence.

Baxter Quotes no other *Authority* for it than a *Falſe* and *malicious Pamphlet*, call'd *Murder will out*, ſuppos'd to be writ by *Ludlow*, one of the *Regicides*, who not only ſat in that *Execrable High Court of Juſtice*, but was one of thoſe who actually *Sign'd* the *Sentence* againſt the *King* for the *Cutting off* of his Head, The ſame who was (*Whileom*) ſent for over hither to be made a *Major-General* But that Age of *Reviling* and *Trampling* upon *Martyrs* for *Church* or *Laws*, is over, Bleſſed be *God*. When Dr. *O---ts* could be admitted to Preſent *Volums* of his *Billingſgate*, in the *Calves-head Cant*, againſt him, whom he ſtil'd of *Notorious memory* (like *Baxter's Egregious Loyalty*) and was *Graciouſly* Receiv'd, with, *I thank you good Doctor*! by ſome body that Lov'd none of the *Martyr's Family*, but one who did not *Deſerve* it.

Now Sir, ſince the whole of this *Story* muſt *Centre* in *Baxter's* Authority, I deſire to be heard a few Words as to his *Credit*, for I am of *Council* for the *Defendant*, the poor *Martyr'd King*.

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Firſt, *Baxter* is no *equal Witneſs*, he Pleads for himſelf. He was an Active *Rebel* againſt this Good *King*, during that whole *Rebellion*. And even after, he was ſo Barbarouſly *Murther'd* this ſame *Baxter* did *Canonize* thoſe as *Saints* who brought him to the *Block*.

This he did in his *Saints Everlaſting Reſt*, in the *Edition* of it *Printed Anno* 1649. pag. 83. And in the Edition 1652. *Part* 1. *pag.* 101. Where deſcribing the *Joys* of *Heaven*, from the Bleſſed Company that is there, he ſays, *I think, Chriſtians, this will be a more Honourable Aſſembly than ever you here beheld; and a more Happy Society than you were ever of before. Surely* Brook, *and* Pim, *and* Hamden, *and* White, *&c. are now Members of a more Knowing, Un-erring, Well-Ordered, Right-Aiming, Self-Denying, Unanimous, Honourable, Triumphant Senate than this from whence they are taken, is, or ever Parliament will be. It is better to be a Door-keeper to that Aſſembly, whither* Twiſs, *&c. are Tranſlated, than to have continu'd here the Moderator of this. That is the true* Parliamentum Beatum, *the Bleſſed Parliament, and that is the only Church that cannot Err.* And *pag.* 82. of the firſt Edition, and *pag.* 99 of the other, he names a number of other Names, among the reſt *Bradſhaw*.

Here ſome of the very *Regicids* are Nam'd, as Collonel *White*, who was one of the *High-Court of Juſtice* and ſat upon the *King*, with an *&c.* for all the reſt of them. And *Bradſhaw* the *Preſident* of the *Court*, if they will not ſay that it was ſome other *Bradſhaw* he meant, becauſe he is ſet there among *Scholars*, tho' ſome no more than himſelf.

But the whole *Rump* of a *Parliament*, (having by Force *Secluded* the true *Members* of the *Houſe* of *Commons*, and turn'd out the whole *Houſe* of *Lords*, to whom, by a Voluntary *Oath* of their own making, they had *Sworn* to Render them *Secure*, and then *Murther'd* their *King*) are All together here *Sainted*, and made a *Type* of *Heaven*; Whoſe *Conſtitution* they ſuppoſe, or the likeſt thing to it in this World, to be a *Parliament* without a *King*, or an *Aſſembly* of *Short-Gray-Cloak-Lay-Elders*, all in *Parity*, without any *Head* or *Biſhop* over them.

This is their *Heaven!*

The *Kingdom* of *Heaven* they leave to the *Cavaliers*. But they have Chosen a *Heaven* in a *Parliamentary* way! That's better for them. It suits better with their *Complexion*. What should they do in a Place full of *Kings* and *Priests*, as *Heaven* is Describ'd in the *Revelations!* Why they wou'd be all *Kings* and *Bishops* themselves! That is all they strove for upon *Earth!* And wou'd do the same in *Heaven*, if they have not chang'd their *Principles*, for there will be *Higher* than they even there, or else it will go Hard, And they are for no *Superior*, except the *Holy One!* Which is just the same *Good Old Cause* that *Lucifer* Fought in *Heaven*: He would have none of God's *Deputies* or *Vice-Gerents* over him, tho' it were the *Son* of *God* Himself.

But *Baxter*, in his *Scheme*, did not Consider that there is an *Hierarchy* in *Heaven*, of *Superior* and *Inferior Orders*, *Degrees*, and *Dignities*, even as here. And we must be *Subjects* there, as well as here, to those whom *God* has set over us.

And who are not Good *Subjects* Here, will not be Admitted There. St. *Jude* says, *That the Angels who kept not* (or were not Content with) *their First Estate* (or *Principality*, as our *Margin* Reads it) but *Aspir'd* to an *higher Order*, were Thrown out of *Heaven*, whither no more *Rebels* have any Entrance. And they who cannot be Content with the *Station* God has plac'd them in Here, but *Usurp* upon their *Superiors*, as *Korah* and his *Levites* against *Aaron*; and *Dathan* and *Abiram* with their Company against *Moses*, they *Descend* to a Place of *Dis Order* and *Confusion*, such as they would bring upon the Earth.

Heaven is no such *Independent* Place, as Mr. *Baxter* has *Fancy'd*, made up all of *Single Persons*, without any *Government* among them, or any *Superior* but *God*. His *Principles* of *Rebellion* upon *Earth*, have Corrupted his very Notions of *Heaven*. Where they *Submit* to those set over them, as the *Ordinance* of *God*. They Submit *Freely*, therefore they are *Free-Subjects*: The Devils *Rebel* for their *Freedom*, therefore they are *Slaves*.

And *God* has Given upon *Earth* the Reſemblance of his *Government* in *Heaven*, in a *Subordination* of ſeveral *Offices*, under the King as *Supream*.

And they who are *Rebels* here, againſt this *Inſtitution* of *God*, wou'd be ſo there too, if they cou'd; And therefore they come not thither.

They will find no Precedent there for *Baxter*'s *Parliamentum Beatum*, his *Bleſſed Parliament* of 1648, without their *King*. Unleſs it be what *Milton* has left them upon Record, in his *Paradice Loſt*, where *Lucifer* call'd a *Convention*, and was himſelf their *Speaker*.

But to leave theſe *Fooleries*, I think ſuch a Man as *Baxter* is not to be admitted as a Competent *Witneſs* in the Caſe of a *Martyr*, whoſe *Murtherers* he has *Sainted*. (which is more *Conſenting* to it than keeping the *Raiments* of thoſe that *Slew* him) No, Nor *Ludlow*, who had Embrued his own Hands in the *Royal Blood*; So that they could not do *Juſtice* to Him, without *Condemning* of Themſelves. And had the ſtrongeſt *Temptation* to *Lying*, which is, to *Juſtify* Themſelves.

2. For *ſecondly*, this *Baxter* was a Notorious *Lyar* in other Caſes. Even in this ſame Religious *Life* of his. As *pag.* 119. of the Third *Part*, where he ſays, —— "Many "*French* Miniſters Sentenced to Death and Baniſhment, "came hither for Refuge, and the Church-Men Relieve "not, becauſe they are not for *Engliſh* Dioceſans and Con-"formity." Mr. *Long* has taken him to Taſk for this, in his *Review*, *pag.* 211. *&c.* Where he ſhews, *1ſt*, How very *Liberal* and *Compaſſionate* the *Biſhops* and *Clergy* were to them. And *2dly*, That they did *Conform*, Received *Epiſcopal Ordination*; And many of them were preferr'd to Good *Livings* and even *Dignities* in the *Church*, of which he Names ſeveral, and the *Places* where they were *Beneficed*. But we need not *Single Witneſſes* for this; the Whole *Nation* knows it. It is as *Notorious* as *Baxter*'s ſhameleſs *Impudence*, in *Aſſerting* the Contrary. You will find ſeveral other ſuch like Inſtances in the *Review*, to which, for Brevity, I Refer you.

Now

Now is his *Single Teſtimony*, and that but from Hear-ſay, to be taken of a *Matter* of *Fact* out of *Memory*, and in a Cauſe wherin he and his *Saints*, were ſo nearly Concerned; Who had the *Braſs* to *Lye* ſo *egregiouſly* in the *Face* of the whole *Nation*, in the Inſtance above nam'd; And at the Time when the *Matter* of *Fact* was Freſh, and before every Bodies Eyes! But it was for the *Good Old Cauſe*, which *Sanctifies* every thing!

3, This brings me to my laſt *Topick* I ſhall uſe upon this Head (becauſe I would not Detain you) which is, That *Lying* is a *fourth Property* of theſe *Baxterian Saints*, Inſeperable from their *Eſſence*. The Hiſtory of this would fill Volumes. It is the firſt *Milk* that they *Suck*. It was this which gave *Birth* to their Bleſſed *League and Covenant*, *Nouriſh'd* and *Fatned* it up —— to the *Gallowes!*

Inſomuch, That whatever *Story* they tell (and they have Abundance! Eſpecially pretty little *Private* ones) which concerns their *Cauſe*, either of *Saintſhip* to their own *Armigers*, or to *Blacken* a *King*, a *Biſhop*, a *Clergy-Man*, or any who are well Affected to them; And where they *Produce* not (for they never ſpare for *Vouching*) ſome other *Teſtimony* than their own, you may conclude, That it is an Errant *Lye* and *Slander*; eſpecially when you ſee a ſecret *Joy* and *Satisfaction* Ariſe in the telling of it, which they can hardly *Conceal*; for *Slander* is their *Honey*, they muſt *Lick* their *Lips*.

Therefore, were there Nothing to *Confront* this *Story* of *Baxter*'s, No *Proofs* againſt it, No *Circumſtances* to make us *Doubt* of it, but only his *Telling* of it, and to ſee how *ſweetly* it is *Eccho'd* and *Repeated* by the *Party*; it is ſufficient to make any Man that *knows* them, believe, That there is not one Word of *Truth* in it. He that has *Accuſtom'd* himſelf to *Lying*, is juſtly to be *Suſpected*, even when he tells a *Truth*: And *Truth* Suffers by coming from ſuch *Mouths*.

Now, Sir, I will *Sum up* my *Evidence*, when I have Deſir'd one thing more, which is, That the *Royal Martyr* Himſelf may be heard in his own Defence; not as to this *Particularity* (as *Calamy* calls it) of his *Letter* to my Lord of *Antrim*; for that was not then *Invented*, it was never heard

heard of in all his *Life*; for then it con'd have eaſily been *Diſ-prov'd*. But as to that *Imputation*, which, in the General, had been laid upon his *Majeſty*, of his having *Countenanc'd* or *Abetted* that Bloody *Rebellion* and *Maſſacre* in *Ireland*. Upon which he beſtows the *Twelfth Chapter* of his *In-comparable*, and *Un-imitable* Book of Εἰκὼν Βασιλικὴ.

But before I go on with that, Let me Obſerve with what *Malice* and *Induſtry* the *Faction*, of late Years eſpecially (when they had not only *Liberty* but *Encouragement*) have bent their whole *Force*, and wrote ſeveral *Treatiſes*, to Rob the *Martyr* of the *Glory*, and Save themſelves from the *Shame* and *Conviction* that is contain'd in that *Book*. And that by ſuch *Honeſt* and *Sincere Artifices*, as they have us'd in this of Charging the *Rebellion* and *Maſſacre* in *Ireland* upon the *King*. This from an *Inviſible Letter* to my Lord of *Antrim*: That from an *Un-Atteſted* ſuppos'd *Memorandum* of my Lord *Angleſey's*, found or wrote after his Death, in a vacant Page of one of theſe Printed Books. Which is fully *Anſwer'd* in a *Vindication of King* Charles *the Martyr, proving that His Majeſty was the Author of* Εἰκὼν Βασιλικὴ, *Againſt a Memorandum, ſaid to be written by the Earl of* Angleſey: *And againſt the Exceptions of Dr.* Walker, *and others*. Printed. *An.* 1697.

There it is likewiſe Shew'd, and undeniably *Prov'd*, at the Cloſe of the *Second Edition*, That *Milton* and *Eradſhaw* did Foiſt in among the *Devotions* in Εἰκὼν Βασιλικὴ, a *Prayer*, taken out of Sir *Philip Sidney's Arcadia*. And then *Milton* in his *Scurrilous Anſwer* to the *King's* Book, plays the *Buffoon* upon his *Sacred Majeſty*, for borrowing a *Prayer* out of a *Romance*. And *Henry Hills* who was *Printer* to *Oliver*, has heard *Bradſhaw* and *Milton* Laughing at the *Jeſt* of their Inſerting this *Prayer*; and then *Expoſing* the *King* for it. Which in the ſaid *Vindication* is fully Atteſted. Inſomuch, that the *Hiſſing* of this *Seed* of the *Serpent* is, at Preſent ſtopp'd; and the *King* is ſuffer'd to Enjoy his own *Book*.

But, perhaps, five Years hence, we may have the ſame *Clamour* Renew'd again, without taking any Notice of this *Vindication*; as *Calamy* has Reviv'd that of *Baxter*, in the other Caſe.

Having thus far Clear'd this *Book* to be the *King*'s own Words, Let us now hear what he himſelf ſays concerning the *Rebellion* and *Maſſacre* in *Ireland*. And when you have Read over his xiith *Chap.* upon this Subject (if you can with Dry Eyes) then Judge whether He or *Baxter* is to be Believ'd! He ſays, *That Sea of Blood which hath there been Cruelly and Barbarouſly Shed, is enough to Drown any Man in Eternal both Infamy and Miſery, whom God ſhall find the Malicious Author or Inſtigator of its Effuſion —— There was nothing con'd be more Abhorred to me, being ſo full of Sin againſt God, Diſloyalty to My ſelf, and Deſtructive to my Subjects.* And he prays to God, *O Reſcue and Aſſiſt thoſe Poor Proteſtants in* Ireland, *whom thou haſt hitherto Preſerv'd —— And deal with me, not according to Man's Unjuſt Reproaches, but according to the Innocency of my Hands in Thy Sight. If I have Deſir'd or Delighted in the Woeful Day of my Kingdom's Calamities, if I have not earneſtly Studied, and faithfully endeavour'd the Preventing and Compoſing of theſe Bloody Diſtractions; then let thy Hand be againſt Me and my Father's Houſe. O Lord, thou ſeeſt I have Enemies enough of Men; as I need not, ſo I ſhould not dare thus to imprecate thy Curſe upon Me and Mine, if my Conſcience did not witneſs my Integrity, which Thou, O Lord, knoweſt right well.*

Now Conſider how *Tender* his *Conſcience* was, by the deep *Remorſe* he Expreſs'd in his *Second Chap. Upon the Earl of* Strafford's *Death.* Tho' he Paſs'd that *Bill* with the Conſent of *Parliament*, and Approbation of the Generality of the *Nation* indeed, was preſs'd to it wholly by their *Clamours* and *Importunity*. The Hiſtory tells that he Intended to have done *Publick Penance* for it; but his *Troubles* came on ſo faſt, as not to Afford him a fitting Opportunity. But He did it upon the *Scaffold*, where he *Publickly* and *Solemnly* did *Confeſs* it; and own'd the *Unjuſt Sentence* againſt Himſelf, to be a *Juſt Puniſhment* from *God*, for that *Unjuſt Sentence which he had ſuffer'd to Paſs upon Another.* Can any man then believe, That he could have call'd for thoſe Dreadful *Imprecations* upon *Himſelf* and *Family*, as to the Caſe of *Ireland*; and ſtood out in it even to his *Death*, if he had been, in any wiſe, *Acceſſary* to it? He knew

knew not when he wrote these *Meditations*, that Mortal Eye should ever see them. They were the Pouring out of his *Soul*, betwixt *God* and Him alone, when he was in *Prison*, and none suffered to come near Him, but whom his *Bloody Butcherers* pleas'd. So that he had no *Temptation* to Act such *Monstrous Hypocrisie* with *God*, if he had been otherwise Capable of it. Which I dare say no Man upon the Earth does believe. And the very *Sons* and *Masters* of *Lyes* dare not Alledge. And have therefore Endeavour'd, first to *Discredit* (as *Milton*, by the *Prayer* out of the *Arcadia*) And since more *Impudently* (grown *Older* in *Mischief*) to overthrow the *Authority* of the whole *Book*; in both of which *Wicked Attempts*, they being *Detected*; And the *Genuineness* of the *Book* fully *Vindicated*, does, I think, put a full End to all this *Calumny* as to *Ireland*, particularly as to that *White-Bear*, of the *Letter* to my Lord of *Antrim*.

But this Book of *Calamy's* does not only do *Mischief* at *Home*, but goes *Abroad*, wherever there are *Phanaticks*; And our *Martyr* will appear a *Monster* to other *Countries*, unless *Vindicated* by some *Publick Authority*, of which the *World* may take Notice; Considering that the *Reproach* is so *Fresh*, just now done; and made as *Publick* as the Interest of the Whole *Faction* can make it; and that in the *Reign* of his *Grand Child*, who it may be thought, and they will give it out Hereafter, was willing to let it pass. Why may not this be thought, when in that Pretended *Memorandum* of the Earl of *Anglesey's*, they have Presum'd to bring in both his *Sons*, K. *Charles* and K. *James*, as *Witnesses* against their *Father*?

If an *Action* of *Scandalum Magnatum* may be brought in Behalf of a private *Peer*, even after his *Death*, to Vindicate his *Memory*, and the *Honour* of his *Family*: Here are *three Kings* vilely *Aspers'd*, after their *Deaths*. What proportionable *Satisfaction* ought to be made to them, the *Wisdom* of your *House* best *Knows*, and can *give* it. At least, I hope, that less than this cannot be done, to Express their *Displeasure* against this *Scandal* (lest their *Silence* may hereafter be Constru'd as their *Approbation*;) And to put such a *Stop* to it, as that it Proceed no farther.

Sir,

Sir, I wiſh your *Houſe* may have the *Honour* of *Puniſhing* and *Suppreſſing* the *Inſolence* of this *Faction* (which has *Reign'd* long enough) and you to make the *Motion*. That *the Mouths of thoſe who ſpeak Lyes, may be ſtopp'd*. January 10. 1702.

The Anniverſary of *Arch-Biſhop* Laud's *Martyrdom*, by the ſame Hands.

Poſt-Script.

THis Paſſage I have inſiſted upon in *Calamy's Abridgment* of *Baxter's Life*, is not the only One of this Nature that is there. No. It is a *Virulent Invective* quite through againſt the *Church* and the *Crown*. The Examining of all which wou'd be a Work by it ſelf.

And it is to be Preſumed, That the *Noble* Lord whoſe *Name* is *Diſgrac'd* by the *Dedication* of this *Libel* to him, knows nothing of it. And that when he do's, he will do himſelf *Juſtice*.

FINIS.